



## **Bristol Bay Native Corporation**

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### **BBNC In-Region Shareholder Survey Results**

*Anchorage, AK* – Survey results released by Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) in November 2011 demonstrate that shareholder opposition to the proposed Pebble mine has grown to 81 percent over the past four years. Survey results also show that 38% of BBNC shareholders support the mining industry in general. However, of that 38%, the majority (57%) oppose Pebble mine. Further breakdown of the results from the Bristol Bay region into six sub-regions demonstrates the different levels of shareholder opposition to the proposed mine.

In the Nushagak sub-region, 93% oppose the Pebble mine. In the Togiak sub-region, 90% oppose the Pebble mine. In the Ugashik sub-region, 86% oppose the Pebble mine. In the Chignik sub-region, 75% oppose the Pebble mine. In the Naknek sub-region, 74% oppose the Pebble mine. In the Iliamna sub-region, 68% oppose the Pebble mine.

“BBNC supports responsible resource development, but opposes the Pebble project due to the risks it poses to our fisheries and our Native way of life,” says BBNC President and CEO Jason Metrokin. “The survey shows that BBNC shareholders are not opposed to mining, but are opposed to the Pebble mine. Like our shareholders, we believe there are other projects that could be developed in our region that would provide jobs and other economic benefits that would not present unacceptable environmental risks to our people and our land.”

BBNC commissioned Dittman Research & Communications to conduct this survey of BBNC shareholders from September to October 2011.

**About BBNC:** BBNC is one of 13 Alaska Native Regional Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The corporation has approximately 9,000 Eskimo, Aleut, and Athabascan shareholders with ancestral ties to the Bristol Bay region. BBNC supports responsible resource development, defined as development that is fiscally, environmentally and socially sustainable, serving the long-term interests of our people, our region, and our businesses.

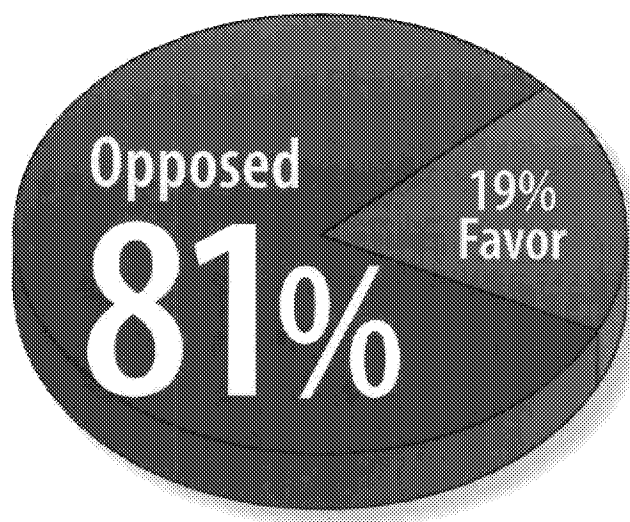
The corporation is diversified with investment and business holdings in a stock portfolio and petroleum distribution, construction, government services and oilfield and industrial services. More information can be found at [www.bbnc.net](http://www.bbnc.net).

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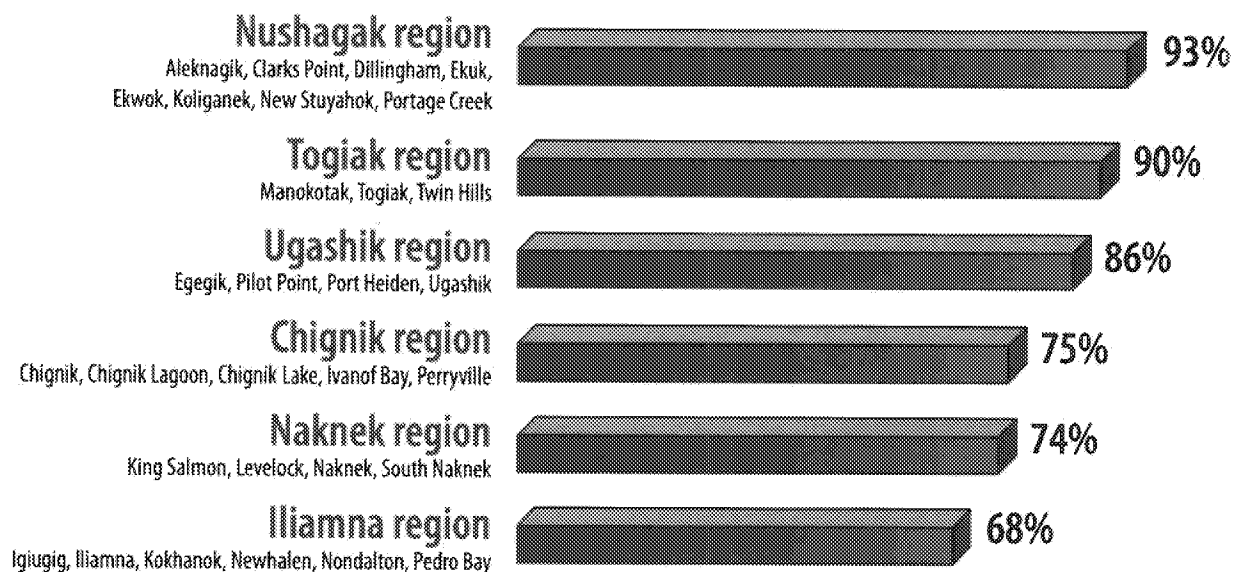
# BBNC Shareholder Opinions -- The Pebble Mine Project

## BBNC Shareholder Opposition to Pebble Mine Project

**Question:** What is your personal opinion of the proposed Pebble Mine project – would you say you're strongly in favor, somewhat in favor, somewhat opposed or strongly opposed to it?



## BBNC Shareholder Opposition to Pebble by Bristol Bay Region



BBNC commissioned Dittman Research & Communications to conduct this survey of 2,286 BBNC shareholders from September to October 2011.